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For: Gene Detecting Chip, Detection Apparatus, and  
Detection Method

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced  
Patent Application:

1. Fee Transmittal;
2. Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
3. Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action;
4. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO/SB/08a/b;
6. 10 cited documents;
7. Check No. 324088 for \$756.00 to cover:  
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